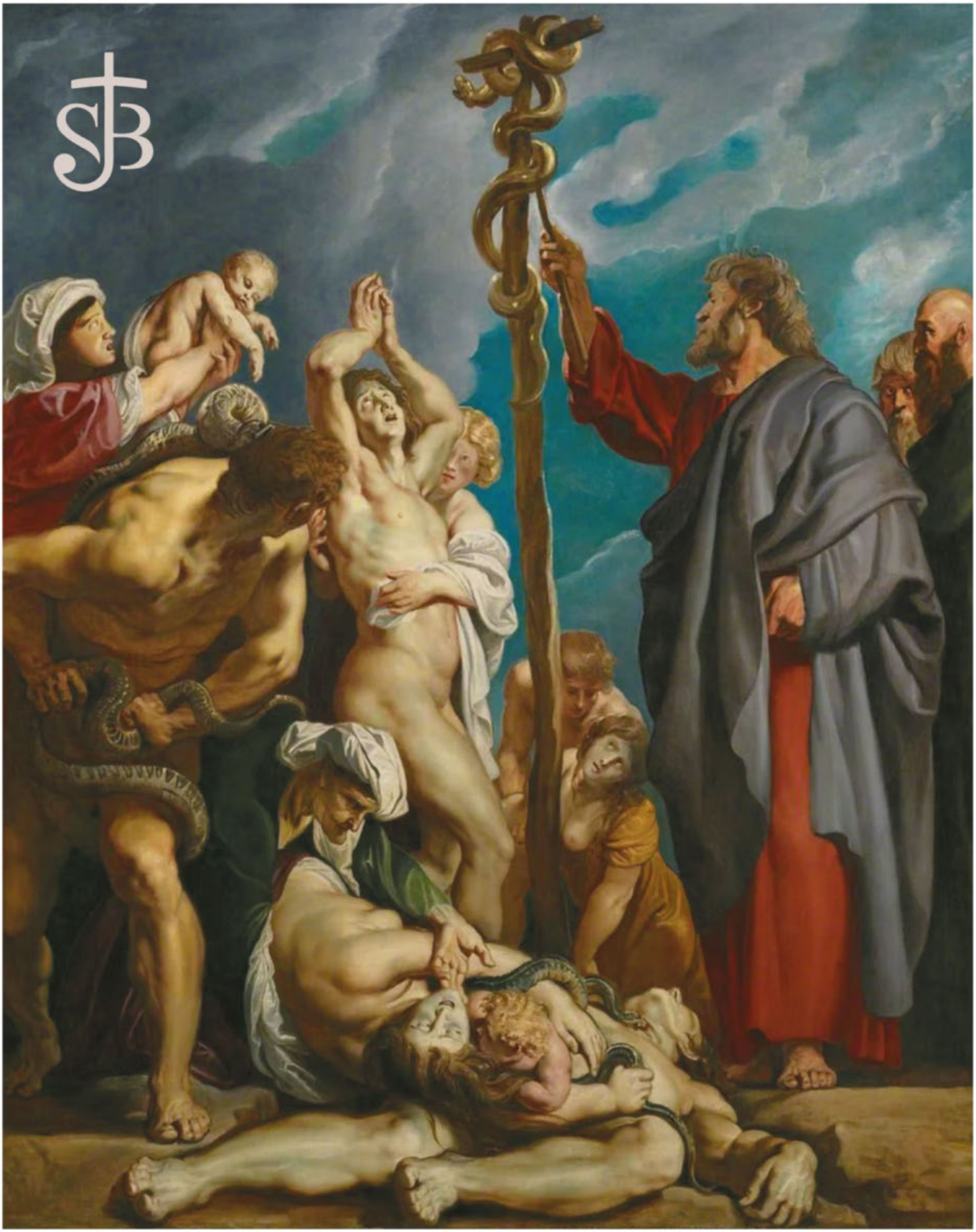

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FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus foreshadows His Crucifixion when He says, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up". The connection between the cross of Jesus and the bronze serpent being lifted up in the desert may or may not be entirely apparent at first. The observation made in the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture is helpful here: both cases of lifting up come as a consequence of sin, but both cases of lifting up also will deliver people from the consequences of sin.

In the case of the bronze serpent, the people had sinned, acting faithlessly and complaining against God. In punishment, God sent serpents into their midst, and the serpents then bit the people such that they were dying. But then God offers an interesting remedy for sin, telling Moses to "Make a seraph serpent and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live."

In the case of Jesus' cross, the entire human race has fallen into sin and rebellion against God such that you might say we have been spiritually "snake-bitten", with the result that we were on track to spiritually die in separation from God. But God's remedy is for His only begotten Son to be lifted up on a cross, so that whoever believes in Him will be saved. The Crucifixion, then, is something we are to look upon and behold as God's remedy, believing that through it, we are healed. Without faith, someone can look at a crucifix and see nothing but foolishness or suffering or the cruelty of men. But looking at the cross with faith that it is God's remedy for sin allows us to truly behold the cross of Christ for what it is and allows the cross to work its healing in us.

Blessings,

Fr. Dan

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6-8:30PM
OCTOBER 7TH - NOVEMBER 18TH

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REGISTER FOR FAMILY FORMATION

Family Formation is for all families—whether your kids are infants, high schoolers, or in between. We meet every month on the 1st and 3rd Sunday, after the 11am Mass, during the school year, to grow as disciples in community, together as a family.

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Each afternoon includes:

- Brunch
- Family Praise & Worship
- Age-Specific Catechesis for kids and teens, Adult Formation through talks and small group discussion
- Monthly at-home materials to support parents as the primary catechists of their children

Family Formation is an essential part of preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. All families are encouraged to participate—including those whose children attend Catholic school or homeschool.

SJ Beat

THIS WEEK

WORSHIP NIGHT
FRIDAY, September 19th,
6:30pm in the Church

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, September 27th
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

HOLY BREWS
WEDNESDAY, October 1st
7pm
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100
Ypsilanti, MI

ALL NIGHT ADORATION
FRIDAY, October 3rd,
1pm through
SATURDAY, October 4th, 7:45am
in the Adoration Chapel

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

UPCOMING SESSIONS:

MONDAYS AT 6:30PM,
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

September 15th.....Why do I need the Church? The Mystery of the Catholic Church

September 22nd.....Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition

September 29th.....Mary, Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of the Saints

October 6th.....Faith, Hope, Charity: The Theological Virtues

October 13th.....Salvation, Justification, Merit & the Paschal Mystery

October 20th.....Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation

October 27th.....Sacraments: Eucharist, the Source and Summit of Christian Life

CAMPUS MINISTRY KICKS OFF THE SEMESTER!

Last week was a full and exciting one in Campus Ministry! We began at Eastern Michigan University's Eagle Fest, their annual student club fair. Our team handed out plants and root beer floats while sharing about the opportunities our ministry offers. It was a joy to meet so many new students and welcome them into our community.

We also held our first Disciples Night of the semester at EMU and it was a powerful evening! Fr. Dan Kogut gave a powerful talk on Identity, and our student-led worship team led us in praising the Lord. Many students encountered Christ in a profound way, and we are so grateful for all God has already done.

Another fun thing! We had a tailgate, attended the EMU Football game, and then our men's household had a housewarming party. Go Eagles!

Please continue to pray for us that our students may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and boldly proclaim Jesus on campus this semester!

CONNECT WITH US!

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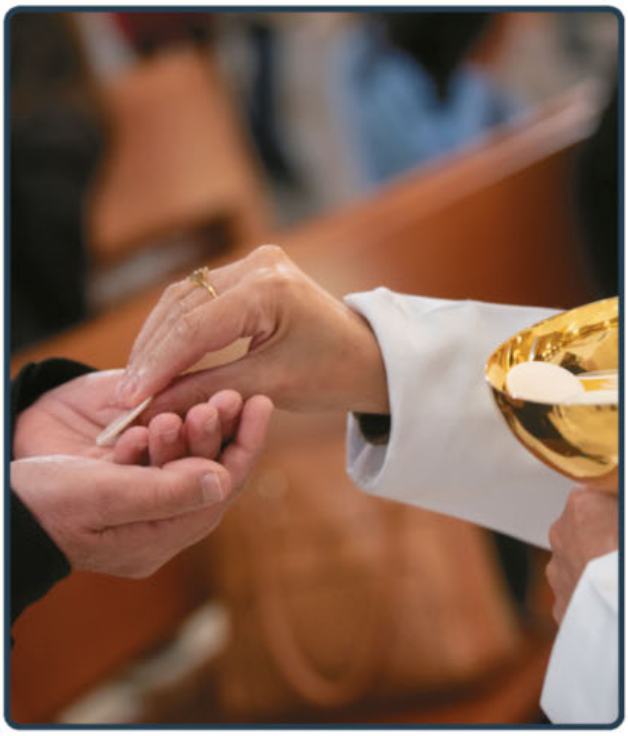

NEXT SATURDAY!
TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All parishioners currently taking Holy Communion to the homebound or to a health care facility are asked to attend this training. Fr. Dan will be giving a teaching about serving as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and formally commissioning all who wish to serve.

Those who are not currently serving in this way and feel called to this ministry are also invited to attend.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH,
AFTER THE 8AM MASS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

JOIN IN THE WONDER OF THE 3-6 YEAR OLD CHILD

Mark your calendars, CGS returns to SJB next month! Every week in the Atrium, a room containing beautiful, hands-on materials, —the child's attention is focused on key Scripture passages or liturgical moments. The 3-6 year old child enters the mystery of the Eucharist, first by learning the names of the articles used on the altar, and then through the most important gestures, including the preparation of the chalice, the epiclesis and offering, and the sign of peace.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 9:30-11AM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16TH

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

A full listing of our Fall Bible Studies is now available at our website. Scan the QR code or visit YpsiCatholic.org/ bible-study.

FIND OUT MORE...

EUCHARISTIC OUTREACH MINISTRY

This outreach brings together volunteers from parishes around the county who go to our local hospitals, residential care, and correctional facilities to distribute communion. We visit individuals, conduct communion services, provide a connection to the Catholic community, and say, "You are not forgotten," we say, "Jesus is here today for you." No experience necessary. Training provided. Pick up an informational card at the entrances to the church.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2-4:30 PM
ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH IN ANN ARBOR.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Please sign up for a vigil hour at the QR code below and view the entire schedule of events.

KICKOFF RALLY & INTERFAITH JERICHO MARCH
2PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST
PLANNED PARENTHOOD, 3100 PROFESSIONAL DR, ANN ARBOR

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, you will hear from Catholic speakers, engage in praise and worship music, and celebrate holy Mass with our bishops.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 9AM-5PM
LANSING CENTER, LANSING, MI

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
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OFFICE PHONE
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JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

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Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Doris Adams

Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
12:15 PM: Intentions of the Sahakian Family
Requested by the Muczynski Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
6:00 PM: † Don Larabell
Requested by John & Joyce

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of the Onwumere Family & Ebuka Obi
Requested by Betty Onwumere

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
8:00 AM: † Peter Redente
Requested by Tony & Julie Redente

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
8:00 AM: † John Pope
Requested by Tracy Pope

5 PM: † Richard Williams
Requested by Rybo, Williams, & Malewitz Familes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST
9:00 AM: † Elmer & Rosemary Dick
Requested by the Dick Family

11 AM: People of the Parish

NEEDED, WANTED, & AVAILABLE

- Free exercise machine: Pro-Form Hybrid Trainer works as an elliptical machine and a recumbent bike. It is currently in our walk-out basement: You haul. Please contact Sr. Rebecca if you are interested, 734-780-9931..
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2. 1x APA2600M Amped Wireless Router
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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

SOLEMN CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST
EXCERPTS FROM A HOMILY OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

Sunday, 14 September, 1984

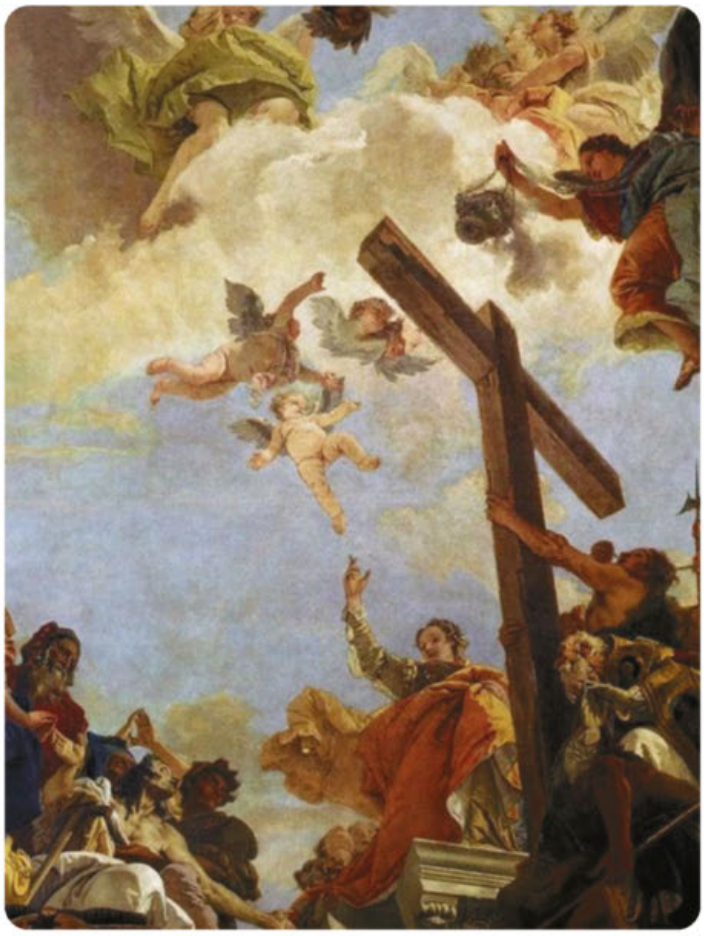
The Catholic Church celebrates today the feast of the Triumph of the Cross of Christ. Thus the crucified Christ is lifted up by faith in the hearts of all who believe, and he too lifts up those same hearts with a hope that cannot be destroyed. For the Cross is the sign of the Redemption, and in the Redemption is contained the pledge of resurrection and the beginning of new life: the lifting up of human hearts.

In the Book of Genesis the serpent was a symbol of the spirit of evil. But now, by a startling reversal, the bronze serpent lifted up in the desert is a figure of Christ lifted up on the Cross.

The feast of the Triumph of the Cross recalls to our minds, and in a certain sense makes present, the lifting up of Christ on the Cross. This feast is the lifting up of the saving Christ: whoever believes in the Crucified One has eternal life.

The lifting up of Christ on the Cross gives a beginning to the lifting up of humanity through the Cross. And the final measure of this lifting up is eternal life.

This Old Testament event is recalled in the central theme of John's Gospel. Why are the Cross and the Crucified One the doorway to eternal life? This Old Testament event is recalled in the central theme of John's Gospel. Why are the Cross and the Crucified One the doorway to eternal life? Is the love of the Father that sends the Son; he gives his Son for the salvation of the world.



And at the same time it is the love of the Son who does not "judge" the world, but gives himself for the love of the Father and for the salvation of the world. Giving himself to the Father through the Sacrifice of the Cross, he gives himself at the same time to the world: to each person and to the whole of humanity.

The Cross contains in itself the mystery of salvation, because, in the Cross, Love is lifted up. This is the lifting up of Love to the supreme point in the history of the world: in the Cross Love is lifted up and the Cross is at the same time lifted up through Love. And from the height of the Cross, love comes down to us. Yes: "The Cross is the most profound condescension of God to man . . . The Cross is like a touch of eternal love upon the most painful wounds of man's existence" (Ioannis Pauli PP. II, Dives in Misericordia, 8)

"We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, here, and in all your churches throughout the whole world, and we bless you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world." - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 20TH & SEPTEMBER 21ST

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
USHERS		
Fred Burdick	Carolyn Bradley	Steve Uram
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John Yurko	Sarah Scholl	Theresa Urbanic
SACRISTAN		
ADULT:	ADULT:	ADULT:
Toni Esteva	Lucy Shaw	Judy Ramirez
JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
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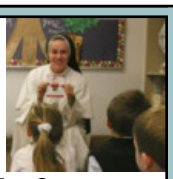
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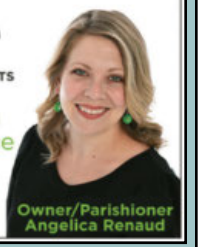
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